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- 1. An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is required in order to make an examiner's amendment which places this application in condition for allowance. During a telephone conversation conducted on 7/6/05, Greg Gewirtz requested an extension of time for 3 MONTH(S) and authorized the Director to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 the required fee of \$1020.00 for this extension and authorized the following examiner's amendment. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
- 2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Greg Gerwitz on 7/6/05. The purpose of this examiner's amendment is to further clarify movement of the rib and groove in the hand stamp and to correct minor informalities in the claims.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

In claim 1, line 12, between "secure mounting of said case on said frame" and ";" - - in a transverse direction with respect to said longitudinal movement - - was added.

In claim 2, line 7, "to facilitate slidable longitudinal movement and secure mounting of said case on said frame." has been deleted and replaced with - - identical to the first rib and the first groove. - -

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In claim 13, line 19, between "secure mounting of said case on said frame" and ";" - - in a transverse direction with respect to said longitudinal movement - - was added.

In claim 14, line 9, "to facilitate slidable longitudinal movement and secure mounting of said case on said frame." has been deleted and replaced with - - identical to the first ribs and the first grooves. - -

In claim 21, line 14, between "secure mounting of said case on said frame" and ";" - - in a transverse direction with respect to said longitudinal movement - - was added.

In claim 22, line 2, "grove" was replaced with - - groove - -

In claim 22, line 14, between "secure mounting of said case on said frame" and "," -- in a transverse direction with respect to said longitudinal movement -- was added.

In claim 23, lines 5, 6, 7, "grove" was replaced with - - groove - -

In claim 23, line 7, "to facilitate slidable longitudinal movement and secure mounting of said case on said frame." has been deleted and replaced with - - identical to the first rib and the first groove. - -

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Claim 24 has been deleted.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Referring to claim 1, 13, 21, and 22, the prior art does not teach a hand stamp comprising a first rib and first groove being sized to facilitate relative longitudinal movement and secure mounting of said case on said frame in a transverse direction with respect to said longitudinal movement.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andrea H. Evans whose telephone number is (571) 272-2162. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday; 8:30a-5:30p.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Hirshfeld can be reached on (571) 272-2168. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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